

Makarau is being damaged by ballast thrown into it from European vessels. He approved of the meeting between Sir George Grey and Tawhiao.

Kipa Paenga: The new Government will find a way to save the tribes. He approved the locking-up of lands, and preventing the operation of Road Boards over Maori lands. If a Maori lost a button off his trousers, he would sell land to buy new ones.

Te Hemara: They could not stop the selling of land. Let them all unite to aid the Government in carrying out their plans; let them aid Sir George Grey in giving effect to his views. Let them not go against him and bring trouble on the Island. There were three kings—the Queen, Sir George Grey, and Peace.

Reweti complained of Maori horses and cattle being killed by the trains, without compensation. The pheasants should be killed off.

The Chairman explained the law with regard to the cattle killed by trains; also, that pheasants were valued by pakeha gentlemen for sporting purposes. Europeans also suffered from the destructiveness of those birds.

Eramiha Paikea: Deposits on lands should cease. Let the sale of lands cease when the blocks under adjudication are disposed of. The speaker, in conclusion, urged the Natives to assist Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan to settle terms with Tawhiao.

Mihaka (Kaipara) condemned the Land Court and the appointment of Assessors. They should ask the Government to restore their rights to the foreshores. Further surveys should cease.

Conference adjourned to next day.

SIXTH DAY.—4TH MARCH, 1879.

Proceedings opened at 11.30 a.m. with prayer; Paul Tuhaere, Chairman.

The Chairman put a series of resolutions to the following effect, which were carried unanimously:— That the chiefs and people would always remain loyal to the Queen and friendly to the Europeans; that they would not be connected with war; would adhere to the Treaty of Waitangi and the principles of the Conference of Kohimarama; would retain the *mana* over their lands, fisheries, shooting-places, &c. The Chairman then directed the attention of the meeting to the questions of land purchase, Land Courts surveys, Maori land claims, and Crown grants, &c.

Hori Taurau complained that this canoe, Te Toki O Tapueka, had been broken by the Queen's subjects, and that his pipi-grounds in the Manukau had been taken by the Government. He was much pleased with the words of Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan, and thought they promised much good. He approved of the Te Kopua meeting.

Mangonui Kerei said he would build another Parliament. The Maoris should remain loyal to the Queen and Sir George Grey.

Te Wikiriwhi (Kaipara) complained that a reserve out of land sold at Okahukura to Mr. Fitzgerald had not been surveyed, as promised.

Hami Tawaewae warned any Natives against receiving deposits upon his land at Takanane and Pahehekeheke, leased to Mr. W. Young as a cattle run.

Henare Reweti also complained of the action of Mr. Fitzgerald, who had wrongfully taken a block called Pairimangu.

Wiremu Paitaki condemned Land Courts, surveys, Crown grants, and the highway rates.

Hoeta Waihi supported Hami Tawaewae.

The Chairman said Native lands were only surveyed at the wish of the owners.

Eruena complained of the Maoris being able to sell lands held under Crown grants. The Parliament should pass a law prohibiting further sales of land.

Te Paraone Ngaweke: What would save the Maoris was the advice of the Government, to reserve lands to live upon. He complained of Europeans taking shells from Otea without sufficient payment. He wanted £5 for each cargo. He complained that his name was not included with Te Keene's in the grant for a reserve at Waioneke. He thought the aged Assessors should be replaced by younger men.

Rapana Takerei warned Europeans against making advances on lands at Pahehekeheke and Takanui.

Hori Kingi Te Pua condemned control over Native land by Road Boards, and complained that European cattle are running over his land at Te Buranga and Makarau without his permission. He complained of Maori timber being cut at Makarau.

Eparaima wished Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan to maintain peace and love. He complained of Crown grants.

Hauraki Paora complained of his cattle being killed by the railway; also that several acres had been taken for railway stations, which should be paid for, as only one chain wide was given for the line.

Te Rua Rauroha complained of the hardships of Land Courts, surveys, Crown grants, and Road Boards. Duthie, a European, had wrongfully included his reserve in certain lands, and the old map had been lost.

Tamihana Machewa complained of the Road Board cutting through his land at Puatahi for a road, without his permission.

Neha Makoare thought that as that bad old Government had fallen, the present Government should abolish the Native Land Courts. His only hope was in Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan. It was the old Government that caused the lands at Wairoa to pass away. The old Government encouraged awarding of land to wrongful claimants. He thought claims should be reinvestigated where new claimants come forward.

Eramiha Paikea condemned Native claims founded on conquest, and lighting a fire on land; also Road Boards, deposits on lands, and claims by Government to land down to low-water mark.

Mihaka Makoare advocated the discontinuance of sales of unsurveyed land, the abolition of Land Courts, surveys, and Crown grants,